

**Indiana Arts Commission
Quarterly Business Meeting
Tippecanoe Arts Federation
Lafayette, Indiana
June 17, 2005
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 NOON**

Jim Bodenmiller, Chair

Commissioners Members Present: Jim Bodenmiller, Sandi Clark, India Cruse-Griffin, Joan David, Cindy Frey, Bill Hopper, Cliff Lambert, Jeanne Mirro, Irene Smith-King, Dick Stifel, Ron Stratten, and Steve Tuchman.

Commissioners Members Not Present: Judy Hess, Lee Marks, and Leonard Pas.

IAC Staff Members present: Robyn Allen, Bobbie Garver, Dorothy L. Ilgen, Jennifer Johnson-Wade, Monica R. Peterson, and Rex Van Zant.

IAC Staff Members Not Present: Stephanie Bush, L. Pogost, and Emelita Tolentino.

Guests Present: Jeff Kuehl, Columbus Area Arts Council; Representative Sheila Klinker, and Bonnie Stockwell, WBAA.

Item 1 Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. There were introductions around the room. Mr. Stratten, on behalf of the Commission, thanked Mr. Bodenmiller and his wife Sandy for the wonderful dinner at their home on Thursday evening.

Item 2 Approval of the Consent Agenda

- A. Meeting Agenda
- B. March 18, 2005 Minutes
- C. Public Awareness Committee Report
- D. Governor's Arts Awards Planning Committee Report

There was a motion made by Ms. Frey seconded by Ms. Mirro to update the March 18, 2005 meeting minutes to reflect Ms. David's attendance and then approve the consent agenda. Motion passed.

Item 3 Chairman Report / Executive Committee Report

Mr. Bodenmiller noted that his term has ended as chair of the Commission. He talked about his passion for the arts and the importance of everyone playing an active advocacy role.

The executive committee met at 8:30 a.m. There was discussion about staff reorganization. One hundred thirty applications were received for the administrative assistant position. The IAC is currently rethinking the whole e-grant system. An online grants committee has been put in place and had its first meeting. The IAC has a new four year lease, and has purchased new office equipment.

There was discussion about the suggestion made by Poet Laureate Joyce Brinkman about having the next national gathering of Poets Laureate in Indianapolis in 2007. The committee recommended that Ms. Brinkman be invited to make a presentation at the next Commission meeting.

The Distinguished Hoosier award was presented to Mr. Bodenmiller by Representative Sheila Klinker, and Mr. Lambert by Mr. Stratton. Ms. Ilgen thanked them both for all of their hard work while serving on the Commission. They were both given gifts on behalf of the Commission.

Item 4 Executive Director's Report

Ms. Ilgen noted that all of the IAC panel meetings went well, including the new panel convened to review the Regional Arts Partner regional plans. This panel had both in-state and out-of-state panelists, including representatives from Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Karl Blischke, who is the program director for the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts, extended his stay to include a site visit with three of the Regional Arts Partners on the day following the panel meeting.

Ms. Ilgen noted that Ms. Peterson has been asked to serve on the committee to plan the NASAA/NEA pre-conference session on accessibility. Bobbie Garver has been included in a poll of potential site evaluators for the NEA.

Item 5 Nominating Committee Report

Mr. Hopper noted that the nominating committee met on May 3, 2005 to develop a slate of candidates for the Indiana Arts Commission Executive Committee. Mr. Bodenmiller and Ms. Mirro are members of the ad hoc committee appointed by the Chairman of the Commission.

The Committee discussed several issues, including ensuring continuity of leadership, leadership development, and the commitment of time required to serve on the Executive Committee.

The Committee approved the following slate of officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee for FY 2006 (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006): Ron Stratten, Chairman; Sandi Clark, Vice Chairman; Joan David, Secretary; Bill Hopper, At-large; Jeanne Mirro, At-large; Dick Stifel, At-large; and Jim Bodenmiller (ex officio).

The Commission elects the officers and at-large members of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Tuchman move and Ms. Fry seconded to approve the nominating committee report with the clarification that the Commission chair is active until a new chair is appointed. In addition, ex officio is not a voting member and has no capacity at all. Motion passed.

Item 6 Program Evaluation Committee Report

The program evaluation committee met on Friday, May 13, 2005 to ratify and review IAC applications and reports. The committee recommends approval of the following applications:

- **FY2006 Individual Artist Program (IAP) Applications** – 83 of the 169 eligible IAP artists who applied at the February 4, 2005 deadline. Artists with normalized scores of 80 and above were recommended for funding for a total of \$81,317.
- **FY2006-2007 Major Arts Institutions Applications** - 10 Major Arts Institutions. These arts providers will be receiving a total of \$1, 354,800 for two years (\$677,400 per year). American Cabaret received a score less than 85 and was not recommended for funding.
- **FY2006-2007 Regional Arts Partners (RAP) Biennial Plans** – 12 RAP biennial plans for two-year funding totaling \$5,023,646 (\$2,514,370 for FY2006 and \$2,509,276 for FY2007).
- **FY2004-2005 Phase II Capacity Building Program (CBP) Interim Reports** – 3 FY2004-2005 CAP Phase II Interim Reports for Indianapolis Art Center, Indianapolis Opera and Richmond Art Museum.

- **FY2006-2007 CBP Applications** – Two-year funding of \$58,084 (29,654 – FY2006 and \$28,430 – FY2007) for three arts providers (Carmel Symphony Orchestra, Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra and Indianapolis Civic Theatre). In addition, with Committee approval, a CBP application submitted on May 31st from the American Cabaret Theatre and is included in this recommendation (\$10,000 – FY 2006 and \$10,000 – FY 2007).
- **FY2006 Statewide Arts Service Organizations (SWASO) Applications** – one-year funding of \$33,938 for four arts providers (Association of Indiana Museums, Arts Alliance Indiana, Indiana Music Educators and Indiana Theatre Association).
- **FY2006 Strategic Collaborations Initiative (SCI) Applications** – one-year funding of \$62,032 for two arts providers (Arts Midwest and Traditional Arts Indiana).

Ms. Clark moved and Ms. Mirro seconded to approve the program evaluation committee report and recommendations. Motion passed.

Item 7 Committee on the Future Report

Mr. Stratton noted that the committee met on June 2, 2005 to review the IAC agency budgets for FY 2006-2007 biennium and to review proposed adjustments to the FY 2005 current year agency budget. The committee recommends approval of the following:

- carrying forward an additional \$50,130 in federal funds to add to the \$56,064 previously carried forward in March 2005.
- moving \$50,000 per year in state funds from programs to administration to cover the IAC rent for FY 2006 and FY 2007.
- The Committee discussed the IAC strategic planning process and has accepted the recommendation to retain Mr. Mukerjea's pro bono services.

The Committee reviewed the statewide results of the regional electronic survey conducted by Craig Dreeszen. An impressive 2,546 responses were received, and Mr. Dreeszen provided training for the Regional Arts Partners on how to interpret, verify, and use the data.

Mr. Stifel moved and Mr. Hopper seconded to approve the Committee on the Future report and recommendations. Motion passed.

Item 8 BREAK

Item 9 Quarterly Report on Regional Arts Partnership

Mr. Kuehl noted that the Regional Arts Partners met on May 25, 2005 in Crown Pointe with Mr. Dreeszen. There was discussion about regional cultural plans.

It was noted that three RAPs commissioned Mr. Dreeszen for assistance with final implementation.

There was discussion about the biennial plan review. The IAC welcomed reconvening the biennial plan review committee to discuss these guidelines again.

Ms. Garver briefly discussed the quarterly reports that are expected of the RAPs.

Item 10 State of Region 4 (Tippecanoe Arts Federation) Report

Marie Laurie and Shelley Lowenberg-DeBoer of the Tippecanoe Arts Federation (TAFT) gave a brief overview of TAFT's programs and services.

Item 11 Update on Cultural Trust Administrative Board

Ms. David noted that Representative Shelia Klinker, the original sponsor of the Cultural Trust legislation, attended the last committee meeting to provide guidance on making modifications to the legislation.

There was discussion on the efficacy of lowering the threshold amount for the trust. Rep. Klinker expressed concerns about reducing it to \$5 million. She provided guidance on conferring with other legislators, especially a Republican member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

The board discussed a recommendation made by the Public Awareness Committee to remove the threshold amount completely. It was agreed that, based on Representative Klinker's remarks, dropping the threshold amount to \$5 million might be problematic so the notion of removing it all together would likely be an even greater barrier to gaining legislative support.

Current trust revenue and investment

As of May 11, the total trust fund balance was reported at \$630,683. The Treasurer's Office has been able to identify \$15,898.26 of interest income the Trust Fund should have earned had it been directed into the specific investment pool rather than the Auditor's General Fund. These funds were expected to be transferred into the Cultural Trust before the end of May.

A total of 2,621 Arts Trusts license plates had been sold during the first four months of this year with 1,100 plates being purchased in March alone which was 273 plate more than sold in the same month last year. Cumulative sales since 2000 total 22,858 plates.

Item 12 Old Business

1. Mr. Tuchman noted that he is a member of the Public Awareness Committee and it should be noted that IAA pointed out that the Commission needs to be more effective as partners and advocating for the arts. There was discussion regarding the turn out of Commissioners to the legislative breakfast.
2. Ms. Ilgen noted that the Americans for the Arts (AFTA) updated their annual Creative Communities study. The IAC staff also purchased Indiana data by state and federal legislative district
3. Mr. Stratten noted that he is looking forward to taking on the role of chair for the Commission. One of the things he will focus on is Commissioners having a more active role with advocacy.

Item 13 New Business

1. Mr. Stifel asked that the policy manual be updated to reflect the official role of the ex officio position.
2. Mr. Van Zant gave a brief update on the Governor's Arts Award (GAA) planning committee and showed the GAA artwork.
3. Samples of the new logo were passed around.

Item 14 Adjourn

Motion was made by Mr. Hopper and seconded by Ms. Mirro to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.